

## Church News

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tional minister, kindly began a series of services at Ambia, Lamar county, Texas, August 14, and preached until Sunday night. Monday, Rev. John A. Williams, evangelist for the Presbytery of Paris, came and continued until Saturday night. The congregations were good and the results of the preaching very gratifying. Five made a profession of faith, two of whom joined the Ambia church; the others will join other churches.

**Presbytery of Paris:** At a called meeting of Presbytery held in the First Presbyterian church, of Honey Grove, Texas, the pastoral relation existing between Rev. George M. Matthis and the First Texarkana church, was dissolved. Mr. Matthis has been quite successful during his pastorate in building one of the most tasteful churches in the Southwest. It is a source of great sorrow that the state of his health compelled him to resign the work.

Meetings have been held in nearly all the mission churches of Central Texas Presbytery during the summer. These have been attended with great success and many professed saving faith in Christ and united with the church. This special effort will continue at mission points and in mission churches, during the fall months.

W. M. L.

**Ballinger:** Rev. J. D. Leslie, the pastor of this church has returned from a two months vacation spent in visiting relatives, the Yellowstone National Park, the Exposition at Seattle and the Pacific coast. He resumed his labors the first Sunday in September. The Permanent Clerk of the Synod of Texas has kindly called the attention of the brethren to the return of the Stated Clerk of the Synod, who is now prepared to attend to any business that the brethren of the Synod may have with him.

**Ponder, Denton County:** Rev. Jno. V. McCall, Chairman of Home Missions, in Dallas Presbytery, held a protracted meeting at this point and September 1 organized a church of nine members. One adult and three infants were baptized. Mr. R. H. McSpadden, formerly an elder in the Denton Church, was elected and installed elder. Ponder is a little village on the Santa Fe railroad, half-way between Gainesville and Fort Worth. Mr. McCall has been giving his fifth Sunday to this point for about a year.

**Greenview:** Rev. T. M. Stribling, pastor. On September 5 the pastor was greeted by a good congregation and five new members were publicly welcomed into the church, two by letter and three on confession of faith. Last month five children were dedicated to the Lord in baptism and in other ways the people are showing their interest in the church. Our membership is now larger than ever before and the outlook is encouraging.

**Clifton:** The Committee of Home Mis-

sions, of the Presbytery of Central Texas, has received word from Rev. Isaac J. Heizer, of Waynesville, N. C., that the call of the evangelistic work of the Presbytery, issued to him by the Committee, has been accepted, and unless his Presbytery objected, he would begin his work October 1st. The Committee has been without an evangelist for several months, but the work has been kept up and pushed forward by the members of the Committee giving unstintingly of their time. The coming of Mr. Heizer to this very important work is looked forward to with the hope of greatly increasing the work of the Southern Presbyterian Church within the bounds of this Presbytery.

### VIRGINIA.

**LaCrosse:** This is one of the points supplied by Mr. R. D. Bedinger during the summer. His father, the Rev. B. F. Bedinger, preached for him Friday night of last week and received two new members into the church on profession of faith and baptism.

**Salem:** This church, vacant by the resignation of Rev. H. C. V. Campbell, on account of impaired health, has extended a call to the Rev. Leroy Gresham, of Chapel Hill, N. C. Mr. Gresham visited this church and preached on Sunday, Sept. 5.

**New Monmouth:** Rev. David N. Yarbrough, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Monticello, Ga., who is spending his vacation in Virginia, is supplying the pulpit of New Monmouth church during the month of September.

**Lexington:** The sunset services in the grounds of the Presbyterian manse ended with the month of August for the summer, and evening services have been revived in the church. These sunset services, which were instituted in 1908 by Dr. Graham, the pastor of the church, have proved most attractive and were attended by good congregations. They promise to become a permanent summer institution in Lexington. The spacious and beautiful grounds of the manse, with the abundance of shade trees, have well lent themselves to the services, affording an ideal site.

**Richmond:** The Presbyterian pastors of this city who have taken vacations during the summer, with the exception of Dr. Witherspoon, have returned. Drs. McFaden, Eggleston, Stewart, Walthall, English and Cecil, are at their respective posts of duty, renewed in physical and mental vigor and, we trust profited spiritually by their vacation environment. Dr. Witherspoon will be absent during the greater part of September.

**Accomac County:** Mr. S. G. Stukes, of Manning, S. C., a Princeton student, who has supplied the Accomac and Onancock churches during the summer, has returned to the Seminary. Under his preaching there were fifteen professions, ten uniting with the Accomac church. He is a young man of marked ability, and in his quiet, unassuming manner has won the love and respect of the entire community regardless of denominations. Our people shall watch his career with interest.

W. L. R.

**Suffolk:** Since the day of our arrival in Suffolk, the first of September, both Mrs. Delaney and myself have constantly been the object of the goodness and hospitality of this congregation. On Thursday night, September 2, the people of the congregation came with their hands and hearts full of good things and left our pantry looking very much like a grocery store. Such "proceedings" as these are not calculated to make one feel at all "blue." Also we found the manse newly painted and electric lights have since been installed, which adds so much to our comfort and convenience. May our labors here together be a blessing and uplift to us all. And may we as pastor and wife live to show our appreciation in return to all for the many kindnesses which have already been shown us.

F. L. Delaney.

**Boydton:** For many years this old church was "vacant." Four years ago it was proposed in Presbytery that it be dissolved. One minister entered a protest and was appointed to visit it. As a result he has been able, with the help of Seminary students and occasional sermons from other ministers, to maintain a monthly appointment.

A union meeting has just been held by the Rev. J. E. Thacker and his assistants, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Fisher. This was preceded by seven fine sermons from Dr. G. B. Strickler which took a strong hold upon the community and was a fine preparation for Dr. Thacker's work. Dr. Thacker is a strong preacher, clear and scriptural. His methods are free from sensationalism and are eminently conservative. No calling of people forward, no going out after them. Each decision is made quietly in the pew and indicated by signing a card. In this way 328 church members signed cards expressing their purpose to seek a higher Christian life. Six declared their purpose to send for letters and join the churches here, and fifty-four, who were not previous members, professed faith in Christ. Of this number six were received into the Presbyterian church.

The entire community received a rich blessing. The singing of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher was a decided feature of the meeting and will be long remembered by all.

The Presbytery of Lexington met last Thursday in the Lexington Presbyterian church, and was presided over by Rev. J. A. Trostle, acting moderator. Rev. Robert E. Steele, of New Monmouth church, was dismissed to the Presbytery of Concord, N. C. Presbytery united with Fairfield and Immanuel churches in Rock Bridge in the call of Mr. S. C. Akers, a licentiate of Presbytery of Roanoke, to become their pastor. A committee was appointed to examine and ordain Mr. Akers at Fairfield at a date to be determined later. The committee consists of Rev. J. A. Trostle, Timber Ridge; Rev. A. H. Hamilton, Mount Carmel; Rev. G. L. Brown, Middlebrook.

Charlottesville: An impressive service